



Newsletter November 2008



Neil Says:

Once again the time has come to pen my part of the monthly newsletter. Does time pass as quickly for everyone else out there as it seems to for me? It feels like it is only a week or so since writing the last piece in October!

We have had a great month with the completion and final delivery of the Gulf liveried Murtaya, completing the running in of the first US bound Murtaya, the painting of an 'Asbo Orange' car heading for Switzerland, and progressing two other cars to rolling chassis stage for UK based customers. All of these cars will have been completed and delivered to their new owners before Christmas so there is a real flurry of year end activity completing the years allocation of factory built cars. We already have the next lot of 2009 factory built cars sold and everyone here is looking forward to what promises to be a very busy and exciting 2009.

The Exeter show once again brought the curtain down on the kit car show season and proved that there is still a huge amount of enthusiasm out there for what we do as the stand was packed for a majority of the weekend. Interestingly most of the enquiries were once again for fully built cars rather than kits, a trend which has really accelerated over the course of this year. A majority of the sales that we now make are for fully assembled cars - perhaps a sign of appealing to a different type of buyer to the traditional kit car builder, perhaps a sign of people being slightly worried about the more modern donor underpinnings and their complexity, perhaps a sign of everyone's lives today being more hectic than ever and relaxation time commanding more of a premium than in the past. Probably a combination of all of these factors but the upshot is that there are more factory built Murtaya out there on the roads than kit built examples. It was wonderful at Exeter to see the Complete Kit Car Murtaya sat proudly on their stand and to hear that Ian Stent and the team have been happily racking up the miles since the car was finished. They are loving the 'completeness' of the car, the daily usability, the comfortable cruising in traffic and on the motorways, and most of all what happens when they leave the motorways and hit the B-roads!

Exeter also saw customer Murtaya in the car park outside the show which was a landmark for us, the first time we had clients driving their cars to shows at which we were exhibiting! Geoff has been putting lots of miles on his green beastie since taking delivery from us and is having a whale of a time with it, attracting lots of attention everywhere he goes (stopped by the Police 3 times so far, in every case simply to find out what it is and what engine has it got!), competing in car marathon events and club cruises, and stretching the legs of his new toy (don't worry Geoff your Barnstaple bound secrets are safe with me!).

Must say a big well done to Lewis and the McLaren team. There were times this year when it seemed that everything that could be thrown at them was being thrown and to have come through it and won the title was a great result. The fickle weather and a very brave call on tactics at the end of the race shows just how unpredictable motorsport is - the massive budgets that the teams operate with and it all came down to a few rain drops at a critical time! Likewise the mercurial Sebastian Loeb must get a mention as well, has there ever been a more complete rally driver? More spectacular drivers maybe, but more consistent, never, more successful, never, is anyone likely to stop him soon? Well not unless I get offered a works drive in the near future!!

As winter starts to close in continue to enjoy your driving, but beware of the slippery surfaces! I have had several stories regaled to me over the last week of people spinning their cars on the open road due to getting caught out on the first really slippy stuff of the year. Have fun (after all we all love to go sideways don't we!) but keep it safe –there is nothing worse than watching your pride and joy being pulled out of a hedge or ditch!

Till next time.

Neil.

News

Murtaya Racing

Well following last months bad news of being too fast to race this month we have good news! We have been accepted to race in the high profile and televised Britcar Championship in 2009 including their 24 hour race at Silverstone as made famous by the Top Gear team last year. We hope to be in a position to announce a programme with works driver James Harrison leading a two car team into battle in the near future. We'll keep you posted!

New Website

Well it has been a long time coming but the new website will be live in the next couple of weeks. The site has all new content and a huge amount of information about the company, the Murtaya, other projects which we work on, customer cars and much more. Keep an eye out for an email announcing that it has gone live and take a look. Send us your feedback – we want to know what you think of it and what else you would like to see on there. We already have plans for extra areas and features within the site which will come on stream in the three months after the site is switched on, and there will be regular updates with pictures, videos and news all being updated on a regular basis. Be sure to bookmark us and to register, that way every time the site is updated you will be automatically notified. Surely the simplest way to keep up to date with you favourite car and company.

Murtaya Build Magazine

Complete Kit Car magazine have produced a Murtaya exclusive publication which covers the whole story behind their Murtaya build from start to finish, including road tests of the car and every build feature written by John Watson as he assembled the car. The magazine is full of detailed photography and provides a condensed hit of Murtaya reading. These are available from us for £5.95 including P&P and will be delivered on a next day basis. Keep an eye out for the Murtaya in another Car of The Year shoot out very soon - can we win another prestigious title in 2008 after winning 'Specialist Car of the Year 2007'?



Christmas Hours 2008

The festive season is almost upon us so with the people planning trips to see us during the holidays we thought we would let you know when we are going to be here! Please note that appointments for the closed days may be available by prior arrangement.

Monday 22nd December normal hours

Tuesday 23rd December normal hours

Wednesday 24th December closed

Thursday 25th/Friday 26th/Saturday 27th/Sunday 28th closed

Monday 29th/Tuesday 30th normal hours

Wednesday 31st close at 15.00

Thursday 1st closed

Friday 2nd/Saturday 3rd closed

Monday 5th normal hours resumed

Exeter Show

We displayed a recently completed customer car at the Exeter show and received a tremendous reception from those who looked at it. All commented on the level of detailing and finish, and how the colour scheme really worked on the car. With more factory and customer built cars hitting the road all of the time we will be looking to actively involve Murtaya owners in our show plans for next year so there will be a stream of new cars on display throughout the year.

Next Show Appearances

We are once again out on the road over the next two months, firstly at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on December 4th where we have a competition Murtaya on show at the 'The Changing Climate In Motorsport Technology' conference, we are then at the opening evening in Exeter on Saturday 6th in support of Storm Speed, and then onto Autosport International at the NEC in January where we have a presence on the Hand Built British Sportscars stand. We hope to see you at one of these events or down at the workshops in Cornwall.

Dealer Developments

The guys at Arden Automotive in Didcot have been working hard on the build of their own demo car and are also now underway building their first customer commission. If you are based in the Midlands to South East area give them a ring and head along to their premises for a cup of tea and to take a close look at two cars in build. <http://www.ardenautomotive.co.uk/>

Odds & Ends

Last month I opened up a caption competition based upon a picture taken at Llandow race track in September and here are the top three entries;-
"Whats that smell?" "Fear" Nick Ravenscroft
"That's not the gear stick Jason!" Graham Jones
And two with a twist on a Star Trek theme!
"I can nay take any more captain - I'm gonna blow"
"Engage warp speed Captain McDonald"
both from Andrew McCausland of Salisbury who wins something wonderful and random from our workshop pile in the corner.



For this month we have new technician Daz pictured in all his glory. Daz has settled into the AMS way of life very well and he has already been involved in the build of some beautiful Mur-taya.

Here Daz is modelling the latest in Tree air fresheners so captions as usual to neil@adrenalinemotorsport.co.uk for your chance to win something exclusive from the pile in the workshop corner!



Another Murtaya first time SVA pass! This time the Gulf liveried car flew through the test on it's way to a '58' designation registration plate. The owner is flying down to Newquay airport to collect the car, driving to Bedford for a track day and then driving all the way home to Derbyshire for the cars first journey! With a very high specification engine, carbon composite monocoque and the best of everything this is one very special, and very fast Murtaya!

CKC Murtaya on display at Exeter show 2008



Musings From The Bored Room.....

What do you buy if your car will not start in Australia? In the UK we have Easy-Start which will encourage your car into life with a quick squirt into the induction system, Aussie style...

This was sent over from our recently exported technician Tim who spent 5 minutes doubled up laughing when he came across it in his new local automotive spares shop!



OK– classic quick jokes from the comedy genius that was Tommy Cooper.....

Patient– Doctor I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass Of Home'

Doctor– That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome

Patient– I've never heard of it, is it common?

Doctor– Its not unusual!

A man takes his Rotweiller to the vet. "My dog is cross eyed, is there anything you can do for him?". "Well", says the vet, "Lets take a look at him". So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes and then checks his teeth. Finally he says "I'm going to have to put him down".

"What because he is cross eyed?", "No because he is really really heavy!".

Two elephants walk off a cliff..... Boom boom!

I went to the dentist, he said say "Aaaaah", I asked "Why?", he said "My dogs died".

I was driving along in my car and my boss rang up, he said "You've been promoted".

And I swerved. He rang back and said "You've been promoted again", and I swerved again.

He rang up a third time and said "You're now the Managing Director of the company", and I swerved off the road into a tree.

A Policeman turned up and asked "What happened to you?". I said "I've careered off of the road!"

I was getting into my car and a bloke says to me "Can you give me a lift?". I said "Sure, the worlds your Oyster-go for it!".

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other off.

A man walks into a Doctors and says "I've hurt my arm in several places", the Doctor said "Well don't go to those places".

I bought some HP sauce the other day, it's costing me 6p a month for the next two years!

An ice cream man was found dead in his van covered from head to toe in hundreds and thousands, Police have confirmed that he topped himself.

A man has drowned in a bowl of museli, it is believed that a strong currant pulled him in....

Right– that's enough of that!

The continuing technology takeover;

Automated services are becoming more and more common, self service at the checkouts in supermarkets, automated systems for paying your bills over the phone, now even the drug dealers are getting in on the act with one well know seller having the following message on his mobile;- "If you want to buy Marijuana please press the hash key now....."

More fun video clips, cut and paste the links into your browser;-

Murtaya here;-

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=OfMOMmE08i0> And Murtaya rally car here;- http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=VR1__GXbwE8

Superb 530bhp autotest Impreza driven by Ken Block here;-

http://video.kenblockracing.com/flash/small_player/preloader.swf?vendor_id=204&media_id=9183&bgcolor=FFFFFF&

Classic singing BDA engine, wait till it gets into the trees!;- <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=VWBet7GKCfc&feature=related>

Wonderful Group B rallying footage;- <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=nYhiJeRPgdw>

This month we have been mostly listening to the legend that is Seasick Steve, see him on great form here;-

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=pNoPNC3ebYQ>

And Slaves To Gravity;- <http://uk.youtube.com/user/slavestogravity>

We have been laughing at Milton Jones;- <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=1F3Kqgzbhm0>

And masters of parody song comedy the Amatuer Transplants (lots of different songs available to view and the following link breaks you in gently BUT be warned these guys swear and are NOT politically sensitive so if you are easily offended this is NOT for you– consider yourselves thoroughly warned!);-

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=jcrijUrDDil&feature=related>